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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. J D Horrocks  
Newfield Exploration Company  
Route 3, Box 3630  
Myton, UT 84052

Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC)  
Notice of Violation:  
Loss of Mechanical Integrity  
Federal 7-7-9-18 Well  
EPA Well ID# UT22197-07413  
API # 43-047-35450  
Monument Butte Field  
Uintah County, UT

Dear Mr Horrocks:

On January 14, 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) learned that the Newfield Exploration Company injection well referenced above lost mechanical integrity on January 13, 2014. Pursuant to the above-referenced UIC Permit and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 144.51(q)(1) (40 C.F.R. §144.51(q)(1)), you must establish and maintain mechanical integrity. A loss of mechanical integrity is a violation of this requirement.

Pursuant to the above-referenced UIC Permit and the regulations at 40 C.F.R. §144.51(q)(2), you must immediately cease injection into this well. Before injection may resume, you must demonstrate that the well has mechanical integrity by passing a mechanical integrity test (MIT). You must also receive written authorization from the EPA.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, please submit a letter describing what action you intend to take regarding the well, including a time frame in which you anticipate the work to be completed. It is expected that you will return this well to compliance within ninety (90) days of the loss of mechanical integrity.

If you choose to plug and abandon this well, a plugging and abandonment plan must be submitted to the EPA for approval prior to the plugging operation.

Failure to comply with the UIC regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Parts 144 through 148 constitutes one or more violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §300h. Such non-compliance may subject you to formal enforcement by the EPA, as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Sarah Roberts at (303) 312-7056. Please direct all correspondence to the attention of Sarah Roberts at Mail Code 8ENF-UFO.

Sincerely,



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